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**Recommendation of Examiners**

**Doctoral Degrees**

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**RS14b**

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| The Examiners are required, where possible, to complete a joint report on this form following the oral examination and to make a recommendation to Senate | | |
| **PhD Researcher** | | |
| Name: | | Degree Registered For: |
| Campus: | | Faculty: |
| Title of Research Programme: | | |
| **The Examination Board** | | |
| External Examiner (i) |  | |
| External Examiner (ii) |  | |
| Internal Examiner |  | |
| Chairperson of Board |  | |
| **Report of the Examiners on the Thesis** | | |
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| **Report of the Examiners on the oral examination** | | |
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| **Comments of the Chair on the conduct of the viva** | | |
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| **TurnitIn Similarity Report** |
| There is a formal requirement for the Faculty to process each candidate’s submission through TurnitIn software for the purposes of identifying potential plagiarism. The Board of Examiners will discuss the report at the pre-meeting regardless of the similarity results obtained through TurnitIn.  In this section the Chair of the Board of Examiners should report on the discussion held and provide comments on the TurnitIn results.  Similarity results obtained:  Internet Sources:  Publications:  Student Papers:  Board of Examiners Comments:    Recommendation: (note that all instances of plagiarism should be dealt with in accordance with the framework of penalties detailed on <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/152218/Plagiarism-Policy.pdf>)    If there is established evidence of plagiarised material in the thesis please discuss this with the student at the end of the examination and provide a summary of the discussion below: |

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| **Recommendations** |
| The Examiners are requested to check the recommendation which applies:  *NB – See Section 5 (Examiners Reports) of the Handbook for Examiners for further Guidance*   * 1. That the candidate should be awarded the degree   2. That the degree should be awarded subject to minor corrections to the thesis being   made, or to clarifications and/or enhancements being completed, to the satisfaction  of the internal examiner within three months of the oral examination.  ***A typed list of these amendments should be attached to this form****.*   * 1. That the degree should be awarded subject to corrections to the thesis being   made to the satisfaction of the internal examiner within six months of the oral  examination.  ***A typed list of these amendments should be attached to this form.***  **6.4** That the candidate should revise and resubmit the thesis for the degree of PhD.  **6.5** That the candidate should revise and resubmit the thesis for the degree of MPhil.  ***A typed list of the amendments and deficiencies should be attached to this form.***  **6.6** That the candidate should be awarded the degree of MPhil subject to presentation  of an thesis amended in accordance with the provisions for the presentation of a thesis  for the degree of MPhil.  ***A typed list of the deficiencies should be attached to this form*.**  **6.7** That the degree should not be awarded and no resubmission permitted.  ***A typed list of the deficiencies should be attached to this form.*** |
| Signed:  …………………………………………………………………. (External Examiner (i))       (date)  …………………………………………………………………. (External Examiner (ii))       (date)  …………………………………………………………………. (Internal Examiner)       (date)  …………………………………………………………………. (Chairperson)       (date) |
| **Recommendation by Board of the Faculty** |
| Signed:  ……………………………………………………… (Associate Dean, R&I)       (date) |

(This form should be returned to the Doctoral College, Jordanstown, for PhD Researchers on the Jordanstown and Belfast campuses; or to the Doctoral College, Coleraine for PhD Researchers on the Coleraine and Magee campuses.)